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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on August 14, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set out below. This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and includes a petition for a two-month Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The RCE and Extension of Time fees are also being submitted concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper (pages 2-26).

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 27 of this paper (pages 27-31).